

I congratulate the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) on its 30th Anniversary. ONS is the largest organization of oncology health professionals in the world, with more than 31,000 registered nurses and other health care professionals. Since 1975, ONS has been dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration and education in the field of oncology. The Society's mission is to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. To that end, ONS honors and maintains nursing's historical and essential commitment to advocate for the public good by providing nurses and healthcare professionals with access to the highest quality educational programs, cancer-care resources, research opportunities and networks for peer support. ONS has two chapters in my home state of Connecticut, which help oncology nurses provide high quality cancer care to patients and their families in our state.

Cancer is a complex, multifaceted and chronic disease, and people with cancer are best served by a multidisciplinary health care team specialized in oncology care, including nurses who are certified in that specialty. Each year in the United States, approximately 1.37 million people are diagnosed with cancer, another 570,000 lose their battles with this terrible disease, and more than 8 million Americans count themselves among a growing community known as cancer survivors. Every day, oncology nurses see the pain and suffering caused by cancer and understand the physical, emotional, and financial challenges that people with cancer face throughout their diagnosis and treatment.

Over the last ten years, the setting where treatment for cancer is provided has changed dramatically. An estimated 80 percent of all cancer patients receive care in community settings, including cancer centers, physicians' offices, and hospital outpatient departments. Treatment regimens are as complex, if not more so, than regimens given in the inpatient setting a few short years ago. Oncology nurses are involved in the care of a cancer patient from the beginning through the end of treatment, and they are the front-line providers of care by administering chemotherapy, managing patient therapies and side-effects, working with insurance companies to ensure that patients receive the appropriate treatment, provide counseling to patients and family members, in addition to many other daily acts on behalf of cancer patients.

I appreciate oncology nurses' dedication to our nation's cancer patients, and commend the Oncology Nursing Society for all of its efforts and leadership over the last 30 years. They have contributed immensely to the quality and accessibility of care for all cancer patients and their families, and I urge my colleagues to support them in their important endeavors.

DR. PATRICIA SENN BREIVIK HONORED FOR HER ESTEEMED SERVICE AS DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements

of Dr. Patricia Senn Breivik as she retires from her position as Dean of the University Library at San Jose State University. Dr. Breivik's was a leader of the collaboration between the San Jose Public Library and the San Jose State University—a merged library that opened in August 2003. As a result, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library encompasses the spirit of Silicon Valley as an innovative model serving as the area's 21st century information hub.

It took 6 years to propose, plan, and execute an idea that evolved during a breakfast meeting between former San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer and former San Jose State University president Robert Caret. After Dr. Breivik inherited the idea, she went to work with the director of the San Jose Public Library to establish a center of exploration and learning that would serve the University's 27,000 students, 1,153 faculty and a busy city of 924,950 people.

During the time of the planning of this jewel, both libraries faced a steady erosion of support as a result of the passage of Proposition 13. In addition to shrinking coffers, the libraries also faced the challenge of having to remain open substantially more hours than either libraries had previously offered because of its increased patronage. Now, not only is the King Library co-owned and co-managed, it has one online system and one website. Library materials are accessible to all users and the staffs work together in technical services, reference, circulation and Information Technology support.

Within a year of its opening, the King Library garnered a number of prestigious awards. Among them is the 2004 Gale/Library Journal "Library of the Year" Award that was presented for innovative collaboration and acknowledged the cooperative planning between university and city officials in risk-taking and vision.

The King Library is one of the precious jewels of San Jose's cultural "necklace" of treasured museums, theaters, and historical landmarks. It serves as a place for friends to meet for a cup of coffee and discuss the latest news; a study hall for nerve-wracked students; and a place of learning, sharing and, of course, collaboration between people of differing education and income levels, ethnicity, language, culture and beliefs. Special thanks go to Dr. Breivik for her outstanding work.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTION OF WEBB COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK MANUEL GUTIERREZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions and achievements of District Clerk Manuel Gutierrez, who has served the citizens of Webb County for 24 years.

Manuel Gutierrez is not only a model of professional success, but a model citizen. He has been reelected by the voters since he began his service; in fact, he has the distinction of currently being the longest-serving elected official in Webb County.

He brings to his work the passion and experience he has gained over the years. He

strives to improve himself through continuing education and professional enrichment. These efforts are evident through his superlative work and the trust the citizens put in him.

During his tenure, he has overseen improvements to the operations of his office that resulted in increased efficiency in a number of areas, most notably the local judicial process. The community is truly appreciative of innovators who streamline functions that save the taxpayers money, and he proves this time and again.

Manuel's wife, Esther, is employed with the Laredo Independent School District, and they form a couple who are dedicated to the betterment of their community. He has three children, Monica, Manuel Jr., and Miguel who doubtlessly are very proud of their parents.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to speak in honor of Manuel Gutierrez, a true citizen who deserves the praise and gratitude of his community.

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY STORE SUCCESS STORY

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless efforts of the citizens of Kensington, Kansas in their work to re-open their community's grocery store.

A little more than 19 months ago, this community's only grocery store closed. This town of 511 people immediately felt the loss of the store. Residents no longer had local access to basic necessities such as dry goods and fresh cuts of meat. The closest grocery store was in the county seat of Smith Center—nearly 15 miles away. I know that most Members of Congress do not have to concern themselves with whether their communities have a grocery store. However, for many of the communities in my district, keeping the local grocery store open is a constant struggle.

The citizens of Kensington decided to take action. Following a community meeting, board members were elected to form the Kensington Community Store, Incorporated. This organization was created to oversee the construction and development of a non-profit community grocery store with noon deli.

Since that time, support for the project has been impressive and inspiring: the Kensington city council committed to construct a 60' x 75' steel building; several lots of ground were donated for building construction; community "work nights" were held to ready the store for opening; Vo-tech classes at the local high school constructed metal and wood shelves; the local Lions Club assisted with interior construction of the store.

All totaled, more than \$130,000 has been raised to support the project. Donations of all sizes have come from more than 250 individuals, businesses, clubs and foundations. The final piece of the puzzle fell into place when an agreement was reached to share wholesale supply delivery dates with a grocery store in a community 27 miles down the road. The arrangement allows the store in Kensington to sell merchandise at competitive prices.

Thanks to a team effort, the Kensington Community Store is now a reality. According

to John Struckhoff, chairman of the committee that organized the project, having a grocery store back in town provides an anchor business that can be used to attract other businesses to Kensington. It also helps stabilize property values and provides citizens of all ages a place to purchase groceries without having to leave town.

Mr. Struckhoff also noted that the whole experience has resulted in other benefits. "It is amazing how many individuals and groups donated money and time to this project," Struckhoff said. "This shows how a small town in Kansas can come together to support a project that provides a common good to all citizens. It really makes you proud to live in Kensington."

All across the State of Kansas are stories just like this one. Of neighbors helping neighbors, not because they have to, but because they want to. Because it is the right thing to do. Their efforts deserve our support and recognition.

Citizens throughout the First Congressional District of Kansas are working together to enhance the quality of life in their communities. The Kensington Community Store is a success story that demonstrates how teamwork and creative thinking can make a positive difference in rural America.

IN RECOGNITION OF 'HERO OF THE STORM' NOMINEES

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the crew of the St. Mary's Hospital Careflight Unit in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Pilot Richard Fowler, Nurse Mary Bagshaw and Bradley Brown have been nominated for the Hero of the Storm award, in recognition of their courageous actions when their medical airlift plane was downed in the Rocky Mountains during a winter storm. The crew defied the odds, survived in the freezing weather and saved the life of a 2-year-old patient already in poor condition.

I am humbled by their strength and perseverance in the face of such hardship. We all salute the bravery of these three extraordinary people, who risked their lives to save others. These everyday citizens embody the values of courage and duty and we should all live by their example.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FRIO COUNTY CONSTABLE TED NIETO

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frio County Constable Ted Nieto for his exceptional career in law enforcement.

Ted Nieto was elected as the Constable for Precinct Four in January 2004, but has been actively serving his community for the last ten years. He received his law enforcement certification at Southwest College and is currently

working to obtain his police license from San Antonio College.

He believes in establishing a solid law enforcement agency that is committed to the needs of the community, and has devoted his department to serve the public with honesty and integrity.

Constable Nieto is an excellent example of an elected official who understands the needs of his community. The mission for his department is to promote safety in the community by enforcing court orders, supporting early intervention activities, and to work together with neighboring law enforcement agencies.

Constable Nieto is a man who believes in the value of community involvement and intervention. Currently he is the District 19 region coordinator for the Special Olympics of Texas. As well as the present coordinator for the annual law enforcement torch run and the youth leader for the Catholic Youth Organization.

Constable Nieto has four children, Jelzin and Christina age 18, Shantelle age 10 and Issiah age 6.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Frio County Constable Ted Nieto for his dedication and service to the community.

IN HONOR OF MS. ELEANOR WASSON'S 97TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a truly remarkable woman who is celebrating her 97th birthday this month. Ms. Eleanor Wasson, a woman locally known as the "great connector" originally lived in Beverly Hills with her husband, the head of the legal department for 20th Century Fox movie studio. There, Ms. Wasson mingled with friends such as Celeste Holm, Claudette Colbert, Betty White and Will Rogers. In between volunteering, caring for her children, and working as an activist, she was named the Coordinator of Volunteer Services for UCLA, and was also appointed to California Governor Earl Warren's Mental Health Commission.

After her beloved husband, George, passed on, Eleanor decided to sell her home in Santa Monica Canyon and move to Santa Cruz at the age of 81. A woman deeply committed to the community around her, Ms. Wasson has adopted several causes to make the world a better place. She has served on the boards of both Earth Save and Women Rise for Global Peace. Her activism is rooted in her desire to work for peace, having been deeply affected by WWI as a child.

Mrs. Wasson's kindness and acceptance for others is truly legendary. Weekly, she invites both a local Catholic Priest and Robert White Mountain, an elder of the Lakota Tribe, to discuss local and global concerns. While living in Los Angeles, she asked famous actors such as Reginald Denny, Leon Ames, and Tyrone Power to dance with women at the psychiatric ward where she was volunteering her time.

In addition to being a peace activist, a volunteer, and mother, Mrs. Wasson is also an author. She has written a successful autobiography entitled 28,000 Martinis, published in January 2004. In 28,000 Martinis, Mrs.

Wasson's positive and optimistic approach to life is captured, ultimately lending her energy, vibrancy and creativity to all who read the book. Through her own life story, she is able to demonstrate that goodwill, knowledge and action are the keys to enriching one's own life, as well as those around you.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and admiration for this vibrant and loving woman. Eleanor's social and environmental activism and her kindness towards all have infinitely improved the culture and character of the 17th district. I am honored to wish her a happy 97th birthday on behalf of myself, and the community that values and loves her.

COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 90th anniversary of one of history's most terrible tragedies, the Armenian Genocide.

On April 24, 1915, 300 Armenian leaders, intellectuals and professionals were rounded up in Constantinople, deported and killed, under orders from the Young Turk government. This was the beginning of a campaign of terror resulting in the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians and the deportation of more than 500,000.

The government of the Ottoman Empire justified this policy by claiming it was necessary to suppress revolts being launched by Armenians as a consequence of the ongoing military operations of World War I. This assertion was patently denied by survivors and witnesses. United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire Henry Morgenthau reported at that time, "Deportation of and excesses against peaceful Armenians is increasing and from harrowing reports of eyewitnesses it appears that a campaign of race extermination is in progress under a pretext of reprisal against rebellion."

Not content with perpetrating this atrocity, the Young Turks denied the genocide had taken place. Generations have since been raised denying this tragedy. Such denials are refuted by the archival documents and first-hand accounts found in such recent scholarly works as Peter Balakian's The Burning Tigris and Samantha Power's A Problem From Hell. Director Atom Egoyan presented the horror of the siege of Van in his film Ararat, which was based, in part, on the memoirs of Clarence Ussher, an American physician and missionary working in Turkey at the time. To those who suggest that this ruthless genocide of a people and culture did not happen, I ask, what further testimony could the world possibly want?

Mr. Speaker, for myself and my constituents, I rise today to urge those who deny this genocide to accept it as fact. Only then can we move forward and stop these atrocities from repeating themselves over and over again.